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Joint Approval of August 2009 Quarterly Revisions for the
FY 08-11 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Mr. James Randall, P. E.
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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the August 2009 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz's cover letter of September 23, 2009 received by our office on September 25, 2009. Based upon our review, the August 2009 Quarterly Revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the following specific comments as noted within the enclosure.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr. Kirk Fauver of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5952 or Ms. Lynn Hayes of FTA Region 6 office at (817) 978-0565 for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure



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ENCLOSURE #1- SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE AUGUST 2009 QUARTERLY REVISIONS

Specific District/MPO Comments:

Bryan District/MPO:

- The BCSMPO August 2009 STIP revision is approved contingent upon the following correction being made: BCSMPO Highway Financial Summary Table--Project listings (0050-02-082) show Category 10 UTP funds at \$8,404,425 while the table shows it as \$3,004,425. Please make the costs consistent and accurate throughout the TIP. If the project listings are correct, the total for the table for FY09 should be \$17,763,885 and the total for FY08-11 should be \$73,411,436.

Dallas-Ft Worth Districts/MPO:

- I. As coordinated with DAL, FTW and NCTCOG staff on 10/07/2009, the following CSJs are approved subject to receipt of additional copies (hard, electronic) of the 2009 Transportation Conformity, as revised August 2009:

DAL

- CSJ 0009-04-060 (YR 2009)
i.e. TH1 617.1 April 2009 reflects 2/2/2/2/2 lanes; August 2009 reflects 2/2/2/2/4 lanes

FTW

- CSJ 3372-01-010 (YRs 2009, 2010 & Appendix D)
i.e. April 2009 reflects 2 => 4 lanes; August 2009 reflects 2 => 6 lanes

- II. As coordinated with NCTCOG, DAL and FTW staff on 10/07/2009, the following CSJs are approved subject to the addition, correction and/or revision of the MTP, MTP references and/or TIP descriptions:

DAL

- CSJ 0091-03-021 (YRs 2009, 2011 & Appendix D)
i.e. MTP ref. TH1 202.0 to be added
- CSJ 0196-03-137 (YR 2009)
i.e. STIP '3 HOV/managed'; MTP ref. HM 8620 '6 CD managed'
- CSJ 2374-01-032 (YR 2009)
i.e. FT 1355 and HM 8710 MTP ref. to be removed

- CSJ 2374-07-058 (YR 2009)
i.e. MTP ref. FT 3006 to be added
- CSJ 0095-02-096 (YR 2010)
i.e. MTP ref. HM 8535 to be removed
- CSJ 0095-02-107 (YR 2010)
i.e. FR MTP ref. specifics to be added to the TIP description
- CSJ 0261-01-037 (YR 2010 & Appendix D)
i.e. MTP ref. from FR 1597 => FR 1595, and
FR MTP ref. specifics to be added to the TIP description
- CSJ 0918-45-366 (YR 2010)
i.e. street name change to be reflected in the MTP
- CSJ 0081-03-931 (YR 2011)
i.e. MTP ref. TH1 122.0 to be removed
- CSJ 0196-01-074 (YR 2011)
i.e. MTP ref. FT 1170 has 6/6/8/8 lanes while the STIP has 4 => 8 lanes
- CSJ 0196-01-096 (YR 2011)
i.e. MTP ref. FT 1172, FR 1172, FT 1173 and FR 1173 to be removed
- CSJ 0196-02-068 (YR 2011 & Appendix D)
i.e. FT and FR MTP ref. to be revised
- CSJ 0196-02-073 (YR 2011)
i.e. MTP ref. FT 1172, FR 1172, FT 1173 and FR 1173 to be removed
- CSJ 0196-03-245 (YR 2011)
i.e. MTP ref. FT 1177, FR 1177 and HM 8605 to be removed
- CSJ 3392-01-008 (YR 2011)
i.e. '6 lanes ultimate' to be removed from the TIP description

FTW

- CSJ 0364-01-072 (YR 2009)
i.e. FR MTP ref. specifics to the added to the TIP description
- CSJ 0364-01-113 (YR 2009)
i.e. FR MTP ref. specifics to the added to the TIP description

- CSJ 0364-01-115 (YR 2009)
i.e. FR MTP ref. specifics to be added to the TIP description, and
FR MTP ref. 1507 to be added
- CSJ 0364-02-017 (YR 2009)
i.e. MTP ref. to be revised from FT 1510 and FR 1510 to FT 1500 and FR 1500,
and FR MTP ref. specifics to be added to the TIP description
- CSJ 0504-02-008 (YR 2009)
i.e. MTP ref. FT 1535 to be added
- CSJ 0008-14-111 (YR 2010)
i.e. Direct connections specifics to be added to the TIP description
- CSJ 0364-01-112 (YR 2010)
i.e. FR MTP ref. specifics to be added to the TIP description
- CSJ 0902-48-277 (YR 2011-Cat. 5)
i.e. specific Bike/Ped. facility improvements (sidewalks, bike lanes) to be added
- CSJ 0902-48-976 (YR 2011 – Cat. 5)
i.e. specific Bike/Ped. facility improvements (sidewalks, bike lanes) to be added

III. As coordinated with NCTCOG, DAL and FTW staff on 10/07/2009, the following CSJs are not approved due to STIP, MTP/2009 Transportation Conformity consistency issues:

DAL

- CSJ 2964-10-002 (YRs 2009, 2010 & Appendix D)
- CSJ 0047-14-916 (YR 2011)
- CSJ 0047-14-917 (YR 2011)
- CSJ 0195-03-050 (YR 2011 & Appendix D)

IV. Based on the currently available non-RSA listing, the following CSJs are not approved:

DAL

- CSJ 0918-45-864 (YR 2010)
i.e. MTP ref. TH2 188 has 4 => 6 lanes; STIP has 4 => 4 lanes with left turn lane

FTW

- CSJ 0902-48-956 (YRs 2009, 2010 & 2011)
i.e. MTP ref. TH 2 230 missing from listing
- CSJ 3372-01-010 (YRs 2009 & 2010)
i.e. MTP ref. TH2 210 has 2 => 4 lanes, STIP has 2 => 6 lanes divided
- CSJ 0902-48-697 (YR 2010)
i.e. MTP ref. TH2 228 missing from listing
- CSJ 0902-48-947 (YR 2010)
i.e. MTP ref. TH2 229 missing from listing

Houston District/MPO:

- Amendment 143, CSJ 0028-02-086 (MPO Project 14626): This revision adds the project to the FY 2008-2011 STIP. However, this project does not appear to be consistent with the currently conforming 2035 RTP (i.e., project could not be located in the 2035 RTP). It is noted that the current transportation conformity determination indicates that the widening to 6-lanes along this portion of US 90 will be completed by 2009. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with the conforming 2035 RTP and completion date.
- Amendment 126, CSJ 3049-01-027 (MPO Project 13877): This revision modifies the project's limits and delays the project from FY 2009 to FY 2010. However, it is noted that the project's Year of Expenditure (YOE) cost remains the same. This is unexpected. As such, this revision is approved contingent upon the clarification of the project's YOE cost (i.e., it is expected that the YOE cost would increase due to the delay).
- Amendment 126, CSJ 3049-01-022 (MPO Project 514): The limits and description of work noted for this project appear to overlap the limits of project CSJ 3049-01-027 (i.e., Edmunds Way to SH 3). Additionally the limits and description of work indicated appear inconsistent with the limits and description of work noted in the currently conforming 2035 RTP. Approval of this revision to Appendix D of the FY 2008-2011 TIP is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with the conforming 2035 RTP. It is noted that appendix D is provided for information purposes only and indicates projects undergoing environmental review.

San Angelo District/MPO:

- Upon review of the August 2009 STIP Revision for San Angelo MPO we find that the Highway Financial Summary ("Year of Expenditure Costs") on the back page, show ARRA Funds programmed for FY 10 total \$24,020,000, but in the May 09 Quarterly revision, the program total was \$4,980,000. After reviewing the August 2009 Quarterly revision, we cannot find enough proposed ARRA-funded projects to total the \$24,020,000 in estimated programmed funds. Please correct this table and resubmit to the FHWA.

San Antonio District/MPO:

- The financial summary table shown on page 6 shows Category 7 (STP-Metropolitan Mobility Funds) programmed in FY 09 for the amount of \$2.04 M. However, we note that the total amount authorized is shown as \$37.1 M in FY 09. Please advise the FHWA on why the amounts of authorized projects exceed the total amount available to be programmed for FY 09. We assume that STP-MM carryover funds will provide funding for these authorized amounts.